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~~DOWN WITH THE AMERICAN-LEBANESE TREATY: TREATY OF WAR,
ENSLAVEMENT, MISERY AND DESTRUCTION.~~

The traitorous ruling class which has sold itself to Anglo-American and French imperialism, is daily giving a new evidence of its efforts to implement the conspiracy of Anglo-American imperialism against our country and people; to restore foreign occupation to it; and to turn it into a military base for the war they are preparing against the great Soviet Union, the leader of the camp of peace and liberty, and against all the peoples and their liberties and independences. **THIS IS AN ENCLOSURE**

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The various Anglo-American schemes have these objectives, the last and gravest of which is the project of bilateral treaties with the various Arab states, headed by the American-Lebanese treaty. However they hide and wrap it and however they carefully present it, it is a treaty of occupation and of military bases for the Americans; a treaty of impoverishment, bankruptcy and American economic domination; a treaty of misery and unemployment; a treaty of war, ruin and destruction.

The traitorous ruling class is paving the way for the transaction of selling the country and its people to the Anglo-American imperialists and of turning it into a colony and a military base, with a policy of strangling liberties, gagging mouths, and suppressing the democratic popular movements which struggle against imperialism, its schemes and its conspiracies for the sake of peace, independence and bread. It has abused public and union liberties, brought pressure to bear on the press, prosecuted the loyal nationalist, communist and unionist strugglers, hurled them into prisons and then sentenced them under laws issued by the mandatory authorities. It has arrested the workers, imprisoned them and ordered its police to open fire on the demonstrators for peace, ~~liberty and~~ liberties and for just

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social security to safeguard the interests of the workers and not the interests of the foreign exploiting companies. It is, at the same time, suppressing the foreign exploiting companies and encouraging them to dismiss their workers, thus increasing the army of unemployed. It is opening the markets for the despotism of foreign goods, thus doing away with the national industrial and agricultural produce, aggravating the economic crisis, driving the medium and small producers to the abyss of bankruptcy and ruin, and raising the taxes to increase the budget for arms.

But the terrorism of the traitorous ruling class and its fascist suppressive methods have not stopped and will not stop the masses of the people from continuing their increasing struggle against the policy of war, of national treason, of loot and of plunder. The masses of the workers, the peasants, the small producers, the women and the students have demonstrated and will demonstrate more and more that they, through their struggle, their solidarity and their unity and through the support of the democratic forces in the world headed by the Soviet Union, are able to frustrate the conspiracies of war and enslavement. Anglo-American imperialism is plotting with the support of the ruling reactionary class against our country and people.

Long live the struggle for peace and against war and warmongers: the Anglo-American imperialists.

Down with the American-Lebanese treaty, a treaty of war, enslavement, misery and destruction.

Down with the traitorous ruling class, the agent of imperialism.

Long live the struggle of the Lebanese people for peace, independence and bread.

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